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SUBJ: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5537

A PERM REP SOURCE TELLS US IN CONFIDENCE THAT AT THE
SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERM REPS,
HIJZEN -- OBVIOUSLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS -- MADE A
STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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A. THE COMMISSION IS CAREFULLY STUDYING THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 SITUATION AND WILL FORMULATE A NEW PROPOSAL FOR AN OFFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

B. THE SITUATION IS "VERY TRICKY" AND THE COMMISSION MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES. (COMMENT: OUR SOURCE SAID THAT HIJZEN APPARENTLY REFERRED TO CONTACTS WITH MEMBER STATES RATHER THAN THIRD COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH THE POINT WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.)

C. TIME MUST BE ALLOWED FOR THESE CONTACTS AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, OCTOBER 15 DOES NOT SEEM LIKE A REALISTIC DATE FOR EC COUNCIL ACTION.

D. IT IS MUCH MORE CONCEIVABLE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE READY IN TIME FOR AN EC COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5-6. BY EARLY NOVEMBER THERE WOULD HOPEFULLY BE ONLY A FEW QUESTIONS REMAINING TO BE DECIDED BY THE MINISTERS. (COMMENT: OUR SOURCE INTERPRETED THIS POINT TO MEAN THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT MOST ASPECTS OF THE NEW OFFER WOULD HAVE BEEN AGREED AMONG THE NINE AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL.) HARTMAN

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